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TIA House
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Delivered by email

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Augmentation of the TIA's Seed Fund call for applications to Universities for 2017/18 specifically targeting researchers who are part of South African/Tanzania Research Cooperation Programme.

The Seed Fund Programme (SFP) has received additional funding to augment the support TIA provides to HEIs for qualifying applications. Please note that this call for applications is opened for researchers who are part of the South African/Tanzania Research Cooperation Programme. HEIs with researchers who are part of the South African/Tanzania Research Cooperation Programme are hereby invited to submit new Seed Fund applications for 2017/18 financial year.

The TIA Higher Education Institution (HEI) Seed Fund was established to assist Researchers at HEIs to bridge the gap between their research outputs and commercialisation. The Programme intends to de-risk the development of technologies in order to increase the pipeline of technology innovations that make it through this value chain.

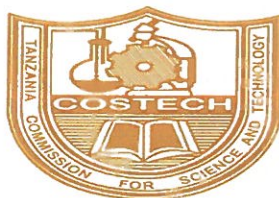
Please take note of the **Guidelines in Annexure A** of this call letter, and note the following in regard to the guidelines

- New applications for Seed Funding should reach the Seed Fund Unit before or on the submission closing date of 09 June 2017. No late submissions will be considered.



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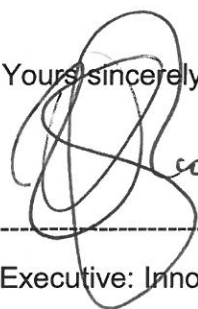
- The HEIs have to provide TIA with an application priority list which should accompany the University's submissions by the closing date. The priority must only include applications from researchers who are part of the South African/Tanzania Research Cooperation Programme.
- The following deadlines are important to note:
 - Call for applications 10 May 2017.
 - Application pack (Applications and priority list) submission closing date to TIA is Friday 09 June 2017, by close of business.
 - TIA will give feedback to applying HEIs on the outcomes (according to each HEIs priority list) by 19 June 2017.
 - Payments to HEIs will be processed thereafter upon the receipt of a valid SARS TAX clearance certificate and an invoice of the total amount of approved applications.
 - The deadline for invoices and Tax Clearance certificates will be 26 June 2017.

This letter is accompanied by the Seed Fund Application form to be completed by applicants. It is the minimum information required by the TIA Seed Fund Unit to assess the applications.

All application pack submissions and correspondence must be sent to the Seed Fund email address: seed.fund@tia.org.za by the closing date. Should you require any further information or clarity in this regard you may contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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